

NEEDLEWORK

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Dates & Times:

Date	Time	Description	Location
Saturday, July 18	10:00 AM - 1:30 PM	Entry Drop Off	Dover Building
Sunday, August 2	8:00 AM - 11:00 AM	Entries must be removed from the grounds	Dover Building

General Rules & Regulations:

1. Entries can only be made online via the [Delaware State Fair's website](#) beginning 9:00 AM April 1, 2026 thru 11:59 PM June 1, 2026.
2. Exhibits that are not claimed during the assigned pick up day will be brought to the Administrative Building and held in the Premiums office. If there is no instruction from the exhibitor to keep the entry **by 3:00PM Thursday, August 6, the entry will be disposed of.**
3. Only **ONE** entry per exhibitor per class will be accepted.
4. Late entries will not be accepted.
5. Exhibitors in this department are asked to read and observe the rules governing this department.
6. In order for the Delaware State Fair to better prepare for all exhibits, we ask that you only enter those classes which you will be able to complete and show at this year's fair.
7. Any and all premiums may be adjusted by The Delaware State Fair Board of Directors based on funding sources.
8. Care will be taken to protect the exhibits from injury, but the Delaware State Fair will not be responsible in any way for accidents, loss and damage by water, fire, theft, or otherwise, whatever may be the cause or extent of the damage or loss sustained. All exhibits are entered at the owner's risk.

Department Rules & Regulations:

1. Exhibitors must be five (5) years old, as of January 1, 2026, to enter into the department.
2. The Dover Building will open daily from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM (except when there is judging in the department).
3. Exhibitors must securely attach tags to their items with the assistance of Department Personnel. (Entries will not be accepted by department personnel until entry tags are securely affixed.)
4. Read over the premium list carefully and decide what class your article belongs in before you enter it. Be sure to mark your exhibit correctly to avoid misunderstandings.
5. Exhibits for competition must be the current year's personal work of the exhibitor and must be owned by the exhibitor at the time of entry. Exhibitor's name and dates should be covered.
6. Exhibits must be new, clean, free from odor of pets or smoke, and completely presentable.
7. No article may be entered if it has been exhibited at this Fair previously. We must depend upon the cooperation and integrity of the exhibitor.

8. Articles having no competition will be awarded premiums only if they are worthy in the opinion of the judges.
9. All entries must be the work of an amateur exhibitor who does not use this as a means of income or teach a class in the section they may be entering within the Needlework Department.
10. Exhibits may be mailed to the Administration Building at the following address: The Delaware State Fair, Inc., Attn: Needlework Department, P.O. Box 28, Harrington, DE 19952, and PRIOR to **Saturday, July 18th**. For those exhibitors mailing in their exhibits, return postage must accompany all entries that are mailed. For information on categories, or if you are interested in demonstrating a particular craft or hobby during the Fair, please call Jennifer Menard at 302-270-8135.
11. "Any Type, Not Mentioned" in any of the categories means there is not a class listed for the items you would like to enter.
12. Recycled Items should have something attached explaining why it is recycled.

AFGHANS

1st	2nd	3rd
\$12.25	\$8.00	\$6.25

Class #	Class Description	Awards
1	Afghan Cross-Stitched with Yarn or Thread	
2	Baby Afghan – Crocheted	
3	Baby Afghan – Knitted	
4	Embellished Afghan	
5	Granny Square Afghan	
6	Holiday Theme Afghan	
7	Mosaic Afghan	
8	Pieced Afghan	
9	Ripple Pattern Afghan	
10	Crocheted Afghan - Any Type, Not Mentioned	
11	Knitted Afghan - Any Type, Not Mentioned	
Do not enter	Afghan Judges Award	Rosette & \$20

CROCHETED ARTICLES

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5.50	\$4.50	\$3.50

Class #	Class Description	Awards
12	Broomstick Lace	
13	Crocheted Baby Bib	
14	Crocheted Baby Blanket - at least 30" square, not to exceed 40"	
15	Crocheted Baby Booties	
16	Crocheted Baby Dress or Romper	
17	Crocheted Baby Set	
18	Crocheted Baby Sweater	

Class #	Class Description	Awards
19	Crocheted Child's Hat	
20	Crocheted Cowl or Infinity Scarf	
21	Crocheted Dishcloth	
22	Crocheted Dressed Doll	
23	Crocheted Hat	
24	Crocheted Hat and Scarf Set	
25	Crocheted Item Using Recycled Materials - Attach a description of what the recycled item is	
26	Crocheted Large Centerpiece (15" or over)	
27	Crocheted Ornament	
28	Crocheted Poncho or Shawl	
29	Crocheted Potholders or Hot Dish Mats (Set of 3)	
30	Crocheted Pillow	
31	Crocheted Purse	
32	Crocheted Scarf	
33	Crocheted Shrug	
34	Crocheted Slippers	
35	Crocheted Small Centerpiece (under 15")	
36	Crocheted Sweater	
37	Crocheted Toy or Animal 15" and Over	
38	Crocheted Toy or Animal Under 15"	
39	Crocodile Crocheted Stitch Item	
40	Tunisian Crocheted Item	
41	Unusual Crocheted Item	
42	Any Crocheted Item Not Mentioned	
Do not enter	Crocheted Articles Judges Award	Rosette & \$20

EMBROIDERY & OTHER NEEDLEWORK

ALL PICTURES MUST BE PROPERLY FRAMED, WITH BRAIDED PICTURE WIRE SECURELY FASTENED, WITH SCREW EYES TO THE FRAME FOR HANGING. BACKS MUST BE COVERED. Measurement of all framed Needlework pictures should be of the needlework ONLY. Do not include the measurement of the frame.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$7.25	\$5.50	\$4.50

Class #	Class Description	Awards
43	Any Embroidery Item	
44	Any Embroidery Item Not Mentioned	
45	Bead Embellishment Needlework	
46	Holiday Needlework	
47	Miniature Needlework	
48	Needlework Picture, under 5"x7"	
49	Needlework Picture, 5"x7" or over	
50	Needlework Sampler	

Class #	Class Description	Awards
51	Any Needlework Item Not Mentioned	
52	Needlepoint on Plastic Canvas – Holiday Assortment (4 Items)	
53	Needlepoint on Plastic Canvas - Picture or Wall Hanging	
54	Needlepoint on Plastic Canvas – Tissue Box	
55	Any Needlepoint on Plastic Canvas Item Not Mentioned - Must have a description or it will be disqualified	
56	Needlepoint Ornament	
57	Needlepoint Pillow	
58	Any Needlepoint Item on Canvas Not Mentioned - Must have a description or it will be disqualified	
59	Counted Cross-Stitch – Holiday at least 50% Cross-Stitch	
60	Counted Cross-Stitch - Novelty	
61	Counted Cross-Stitch - Ornament	
62	Counted Cross-Stitch - Pillow	
63	Counted Cross-Stitch – Special Occasion	
64	Counted Cross-Stitch Item on Aida – under 8"x10"	
65	Counted Cross-Stitch Item on Aida – 8"x10" or over	
66	Counted Cross-Stitch Picture on Aida – over 50% Lettering	
67	Counted Cross-Stitch Picture on Aida – under 3"x5"	
68	Counted Cross-Stitch Picture on Aida – 3"x5" to under 8"x10"	
69	Counted Cross-Stitch Picture on Aida – 8"x10" to 11"x14"	
70	Counted Cross-Stitch Picture on Aida – over 11"x14"	
71	Counted Cross-Stitch Sampler on Aida	
72	Counted Cross-Stitch Item on Linen – under 8"x10"	
73	Counted Cross-Stitch Item on Linen – 8"x10" or over	
74	Counted Cross-Stitch Item on Linen – over 50% Lettering	
75	Counted Cross-Stitch Picture on Linen – under 3"x5"	
76	Counted Cross-Stitch Picture on Linen – 3"x5" to under 8"x10"	
77	Counted Cross-Stitch Picture on Linen – 8"x10" to 11"x14"	
78	Counted Cross-Stitch Picture on Linen – over 11"x14"	
79	Counted Cross-Stitch Sampler on Linen	
80	Perforated Paper Item – Using Any Technique	
81	Silk Ribbon Embroidery Item	
82	Stamped Cross-Stitch Pillowcases (Set of 2)	
83	Stamped Cross-Stitch Any Other Item Not Mentioned - Must have a description or it will be disqualified	
Do not enter	Embroidery & Other Needlework Judges Award	Rosette & \$20

HOME SEWING

All seams need to be finished and even. All stitching must be consistent.

1st	2nd	3rd
\$7.75	\$6.25	\$4.50

Class #	Class Description	Awards
84	Any Appliqued Item	
85	Any Item Using Yo-Yos	
86	Any Sewn Fleece Item	
87	Bib Apron	
88	Waist Apron	
89	Adult Blouse	
90	Adult Shirt	
91	Adult Dress	
92	Adult Shorts, Slacks, or Capris	
93	Adult Skirt	
94	Adult Sleepwear or Loungewear	
95	Baby or Toddler Clothing	
96	Child Blouse or Shirt	
97	Child Dress	
98	Child Pants or Slacks	
99	Child Shorts or Capris	
100	Child Sleepwear or Loungewear	
101	Doll Outfit – DO NOT INCLUDE DOLL	
102	Feeding Bib	
103	Handbag	
104	Hat	
105	Item of Clothing Made of Recycled Materials - Must have a description or it will be disqualified	
106	Novelty Item Using Leftover Material - Must have a description or it will be disqualified	
107	Pillow	
108	Romper	
109	Sewn Accessory - Such as Headband, Scrunchies, Keychain, etc.	
110	Stuffed Animal	
111	Stuffed Doll	
112	Table Runner	
113	Tote Bag	
114	Window Treatment	
115	Vest	
116	Any Unusual Article Not Mentioned - Must have a description or it will be disqualified	
117	Adult/Child Matching Outfit	
118	Adult Cosplay - Submit a photo of what it represents or someone wearing it, the photo will be displayed with the item	
119	Adult Costume - Submit a photo of what it represents or someone wearing it, the photo will be displayed with the item	
120	Child Costume - Submit a photo of what it represents or someone wearing it, the photo will be displayed with the item	
121	Holiday Outfit - Not costumes	
122	Wool Coat or Jacket	
Do not enter	Home Sewing Judges Award	Rosette & \$20

KNITTED & WOVEN ARTICLES

1st	2nd	3rd
\$5.50	\$4.50	\$3.50

Class #	Class Description	Awards
123	Bobbin Lace	
124	Hand Knitted Accessory	
125	Hand Knitted Baby Blanket at least 30", not to exceed 40"	
126	Hand Knitted Baby Booties	
127	Hand Knitted Baby Sweater	
128	Hand Knitted Child's Hat	
129	Hand Knitted Cowl or Infinity Scarf	
130	Hand Knitted Dishcloth	
131	Hand Knitted Hat	
132	Hand Knitted Holiday Item	
133	Hand Knitted Poncho, Shawl or Shrug	
134	Hand Knitted Scarf	
135	Hand Knitted Socks	
136	Hand Knitted Sweater	
137	Hand Knitted Unusual Article - Must have a description or it will be disqualified	
138	Machine Knitted Item	
139	Hand Woven Item	
140	Handmade Lace	
141	Loom Knitted Item	
142	Tatting Item	
143	Wool Appliqued Item	
144	Wool Needle Felted Item	
145	Wool Wet Felted Item	
Do not enter	Knitted & Woven Articles Judges Award	Rosette & \$20

QUILTS

BINDING SHOULD HAVE MITERED CORNERS. Stitching should be consistent for hand and machine stitching. Quilts must be the work of an amateur exhibitor who does not use this as a means of income or teach a class in the section he/she may be entering.

ANY EXHIBIT THAT EXCEEDS THE NOTATED SIZE WILL BE DISQUALIFIED

1st	2nd	3rd
\$16.50	\$11.00	\$8.25

Class #	Class Description	Awards
146	Crib Quilt - Not to Exceed 48"X60"	

Class #	Class Description	Awards
147	Family Heirloom or Restoration Quilt	
148	Hand Appliquéd Quilt	
149	Lap Quilt - Not to Exceed 48"X 48"	
150	Machine Appliquéd Quilt Using Home Sewing Machine	
151	Machine Embroidered Quilt	
152	Mini Quilt – Hand Quilted – up to 36"x36"	
153	Mini-Quilt - Machine Quilted – up to 36"x36"	
154	New Quilter's First Quilt	
155	Patchwork Quilt - No Other Technique	
156	Pre-Printed Panel Quilt	
157	Quilt As You Go	
158	Quilt - All Hand Quilted	
159	Quilt - Machine Quilted Using a Domestic Machine, Not a Midram or Longarm	
160	Quilt - Paper or Foundation Piecing	
161	Quilt - Pieced and Quilted Using a Domestic Machine, Not a Midram or Longarm	
162	Quilt - Pieced by Individual, Free Motion by Longarm - ONLY PIECING WILL BE JUDGED	
163	Quilt - Pieced by Individual, Programmed Quilting by Longarm - ONLY PIECING WILL BE JUDGED	
164	Quilt – By a Quilter's Class Group	
165	Quilted Placemats	
166	Quilted Table Runner	
167	Quilted Tote Bag or Handbag	
168	Quilted Tree Skirt	
169	Quilted Wall Hanging - Not to Exceed 48"x 48"	
170	T-Shirt Quilt	
171	Quilted Item Not Mentioned - CANNOT BE A QUILT	
Do not enter	Quilts Judges Award	Rosette & \$20

WORK DONE BY EXHIBITORS 70+ YEARS

1st	2nd	3rd
\$7.25	\$6.00	\$4.00

Class #	Class Description	Awards
172	Afghan	
173	Baby Set, Any Type	
174	Crocheted or Knitted Baby Booties	
175	Crocheted or Knitted Dishcloths	
176	Crocheted Potholders or Hot Dish Mats (Set of 3)	
177	Crocheted or Knitted Sweater	
178	Home Sewn Item, not an apron	

Class #	Class Description	Awards
179	Needlework Item	
180	Pillow	
181	Quilt	
182	Any Item Not Mentioned - Must have a description or it will be disqualified	
Do not enter	Work Done by Exhibitors 70+ Years Judges Award	Rosette & \$20

WORK DONE BY EXHIBITORS 25 YEARS AND UNDER

1st	2nd	3rd
\$7.25	\$6.00	\$4.00

Class #	Class Description	Awards
183	Afghan	
184	Crocheted Item	
185	Hand Knitted Item	
186	Home Sewn Item	
187	Needlework Item	
188	Quilted Item	
189	Sewn Item Made from Recycled Materials - Must include a description of what item is and what recycled material was used	
190	Tote or Handbag	
Do not enter	Work Done by Exhibitors 25 Years and Under Judges Award	Rosette & \$20

FAIR THEME

1st	2nd	3rd
\$11.00	\$9.00	\$6.75

Class #	Class Description	Awards
191	Any Needlework Item That Best Exemplifies The Delaware State Fair Theme "Celebrating America's Semiquincentennial"	

OVERALL AWARDS

Mary Jester Memorial

Mr. and Mrs. William Jester and family will present an award in memory and honor of Mary Jester.

Mary E. Rodimak Memorial

Mrs. Mary Yoder and family will present an award in memory and honor of her mother, Mary E. Rodimak, who loved to crochet.

Anne T. Minner Memorial

The Minner family will present an award to one of the Exhibitors in the 25 and Under Classes in memory and honor of Mrs. Minner, who was a long time Superintendent of the Needlework Department.

Violet Strickland Memorial

Mrs.Strickland's daughter will present an award in memory and honor of her mother, Violet.

Superintendent's Award

Award Winner
\$55.00 & Rosette

Presented on Governor's Day to the Exhibitor entering the most unusual or interesting exhibit in the opinion of the judges.